

FIRST CORINTHIANS

Death by Drama | Week 9

1. Catch Up On Life:

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

- Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?
- What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2. Review the Mission:

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us out as ambassadors of His reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

- Reactive - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (neighbors, STC partner organizations, or a specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve and build relationships with this group?

Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan, to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

Pray: Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

3. Sermon Discussion:

God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)

Primary Passage: 1 Corinthians 6:1-8

Read and Recap: Have someone read **1 Corinthians 6:1-8** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

- How do you typically react when you have a disagreement with somebody? Why?
- How does the gospel free us to give grace when we are wronged by other believers?

Reread verse 7. In the sermon, we outlined "10 Steps for Less Drama (And More Joy)" to help shape the ways that we interact with one another in our church family.

1. See it coming
 2. Bear with them
 3. Give the benefit of the doubt
 4. Go to the person
 5. Expect and welcome rebuke
 6. Don't cover disobedience with alternate language
 7. Gossip and slander are sins
 8. Pour out your heart to God
 9. Forgive
 10. Keep forgiving
- When have you seen things go badly when these steps weren't considered?

- Which one of these stands out as the one you may need to grow in the most? Why is that?
- Are any of these areas that our LifeGroup needs to grow in? What about our entire church family?
- What steps can you take this week to grow in one of these areas?

*Every Group
Around The Pool*

How does unresolved conflict or disunity hurt our ability to be a compelling witness to our neighbors?

4. Engage the Heart:

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

- What are you not talking about? Is there anything that you'd prefer to keep hidden unless someone asks about it?
- Where in your life are you not believing the gospel this week?
- Are you holding on to resentment towards anyone where you should be reconciling?

Pray: James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see healing. Confess your sins in prayer and pray for each other.